

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2006**

President Perna began the meeting at 7:30 a.m. held at Freedom Hill County Park.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance:

James M. Perna, President
Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Dino F. Bucci Jr., Sgt. At Arms
Thomas L. Raymus
Anthony Lipinski
Phillip A. DiMaria
Gene Schabath, Rep. Anthony Marrocco
Marvin E. Sauger
Betty Slinde

Absent/Excused:

Gaspar Salerno, Vice-President, excused
Timothy M. Malone, excused

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, Sharon Quinn and David Humbyrd, Parks & Recreation;
Jim Meyerand, Corporation Counsel; Tom Bommarito, PSE Hillside LLC

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY MR. SAUGER TO ADOPT THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS UNDER NEW BUSINESS: D. CUB SCOUTS DAY CAMP; E. UAW LOCAL 212 PICNIC; F. MUTT MADNESS EVENT; AND G. CABARET SHOW. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fran Parker of Sterling Heights commented on concerns over ethics of the Parks & Recreation Commission, increased security costs, collection of parking fees and inquired if the Master Plan will include plans for children events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION BY MS. KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY MR. DIMARIA WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 11, 2006 WITH ONE CHANGE TO PAGE 3, 3RD PARAGRAPH UNDER AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS TO REFLECT, "DISCUSSION ENSUED RELATIVE TO THE FACT THAT IT IS A NO BID CONTRACT". MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Casasanta reported he met with John Foster, Finance Department and it was decided that the vacant Park Aide II position (due to retirement of Dan Beatty) would not be reconfirmed. This position will be filled with two temporary park aides at the minimum pay of a Park Aide II for six months, which saves the County \$19,000. The 3% cut equates to about \$46,000 with the 1% ticket revenue that we receive now, charge for security services up to \$1,500 to be paid by our respective sponsors and fill the Park Aide II position with two part-time temporary Park Aides. He further stated we would not have to transfer any funds from our revolving funds to the general funds because we have made up the difference.

A MOTION BY MR. DIMARIA, SUPPORTED BY MR. SAUGER WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE BUDGET REPORT AS SUBMITTED BY THE PARKS ADMINISTRATOR. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Casasanta reported we have received a letter from Kevin Cassidy that Tom Bommarito will be our contact for PSE Hillside LLC.

Mr. Bucci acknowledged Mr. Kevin Cassidy for having done an outstanding job and should be recognized for it.

A MOTION BY MS. SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY MR. SAUGER WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

2006 4TH of July Fireworks

Mr. Casasanta reported he is looking at other companies for a \$20,000 fireworks show and will be conducting interviews and checking out references. The Sterling Heights Fire Department will also be contacted concerning the fireworks show.

NEW BUSINESS

Parks & Recreation Winter Report

Ms. Moro addressed the Commission concerning the winter report. Ms. Klein recommended several changes to the winter report. Ms. Moro noted the changes and indicated she will revise the winter report before mailing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. LIPINSKI, SUPPORTED BY MR. SAUGER TO APPROVE THE 2006 PARKS & RECREATION WINTER REPORT WITH RECOMMENDED CHANGES. MOTION CARRIED.

Environmental Risk Solutions Mobilization

Mr. Casasanta reported that Environmental Risk Solutions would be performing landfill remedial investigation at Freedom Hill. They will be mobilizing their storage and project trailer down at our shed. Mr. Lipinski asked if information is being made available to the public. Mr. Casasanta commented he will be receiving information from Environmental Risk Solutions first and will keep the Commission informed as it becomes available.

Bearing Burners Car Show

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SCHABATH, SUPPORTED BY MR. DIMARIA TO APPROVE THE BEARING BURNERS CAR SHOW FOR MAY 7, 2006 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARKS ADMINISTRATOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Cub Scout Day Camp

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY MS. KLEIN TO APPROVE THE CUB SCOUTS DAY CAMP FOR JUNE 26-29, 2006 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARKS ADMINISTRATOR.

UAW Local 212 Picnic

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DIMARIA, SUPPORTED BY MS. SLINDE TO APPROVE THE UAW LOCAL 212 PICNIC FOR AUGUST 27, 2006 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARKS ADMINISTRATOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Mutt Madness Event

Mr. Humbyrd, Park Foreman, reported on the request from Michigan Animal Rescue League to hold a pet adoption in October. Mr. Humbyrd stated the Park has worked with this group through sponsors of pet shows over the years. The costs will be at a reduced rate this time of year and there will be a public parking fee for this event.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BUCCI, SUPPORTED BY MR. SAUGER TO APPROVE THE MUTT MADNESS EVENT FOR OCTOBER 8, 2006. MOTION CARRIED.

Cabaret Show

President Perna reported that Mr. Michael Carluccio singer with the Tommy James Band would like to organize a cabaret show to include comedians and open dancing. Mr. Carluccio would market and sell tickets for this event and is asking the hall rental fee be waived. All proceeds from this cabaret would go to conducting Senior Swing dances.

A discussion ensued relative to availability of alcohol, date of event and waiving fees.

A MOTION BY MR. DIMARIA, SUPPORTED BY MR. LIPINSKI TO APPROVE A CABARET EVENT PENDING A LATER DATE, HALL RENTAL FEE BE WAIVED AND IF ALCOHOL IS INVOLVED THE REQUEST BE FORWARDED TO CORPORATION COUNSEL FOR REVIEW. MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER

Collection of Parking

President Perna stated the issue over collection of parking fees on whether PSE or the County is to do it this year needs to be resolved.

Mr. Bucci asked if PSE Hillside has said they will be charging us if they collect.

Discussion ensued relative to the history of collecting, revenues and expenses to both parties pertaining to the contract.

Mr. Lipinski asked budget details of park staff to collect parking and for audit information in order to review this matter.

A **motion** by Mr. Bucci, supported by Mr. Raymus was made to send communication to PSE Hillside indicating that parking collection must be done at their expense and at no cost to the county.

Roll Call Vote on Motion

	Yes	No
Bucci	X	
DiMaria		X
Raymus	X	
Klein		X
Lipinski		X
Schabath		X
Perna	X	
Sauger		X
Slinde		X
Total	3	6

Motion failed.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DIMARIA, SUPPORTED BY MS. KLEIN TO ADJOURN THE COMMISSION MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

President Perna adjourned the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

AEK/sq